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Sir:

## IN THE CLAIMS

In re Application

Please add the following new claims:

149 (new). A method of immunizing a mammalian subject which comprises:

Screening a plurality of immunization schedules, by (I) (a) identifying a first group of mammals and at least a second group of mammals, said mammals being of the same species, the first group of mammals having been immunized with one or more doses of one or more infectious disease-causing organismassociated immunogens according to a first screened immunization schedule, and the second group of mammals having been improvized with one or doses of one more infectious 6r disease-causing organismassociated immunogens according to a second screened immunization schedule, each group of mammals having been immunized according different immunization schedule, and

(b) comparing the effectiveness of said first

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